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# MARY CAIN'S COLUMN



Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it.

—Abraham Lincoln  
—cMc—

Well, well, here's old "two-bit Jim" (phoney Silver) back at Ole Miss, sounding off on Mississippi's "destiny". And here I thought he was wished off on Notre Dame "for keeps".

The Oracle of Notre Dame (God help Notre Dame!) was back on the Ole Miss campus as a guest lecturer in the history department's NDEA Institute for Advanced Study in History, and he sounded off with his accustomed brass in an interview reported in The Mississippian by Lenora Green and Bob Boyd:

... "What's happening at the Law School is amazing."

(Understatement of the year, Jim.)

"Paul Johnson has done a great job . . . If he'd have been (sic) a statesman, he couldn't have done any more."

(You cooked his goose, Jim!)

... "The Citizens Council died in September of 1964 when they had failed (sic) to do what they had promised— maintain segregation."

(The big lie, Jim— The Citizens Council is not dead and it will not die. Force used against us can have its way but we who choose not to be integrated will never be integrated in any area of life over which the individual American citizen may control his life in the traditional and selective American way. Nation-wide, the Citizens' Council is busy building walls which nothing but an outright dictatorship can destroy— and when that comes to pass, you, too, Jim, will be destroyed if it be the master's will.)

... "As late as 1964 there was no disapproval of violence from public opinion in the state. Today, most of officialdom and all business leaders are concerned with not having any more."

(Another big lie, Jim— When has public opinion in this State EVER condoned violence? We are a civilized and cultured people here in the South and particularly in Mississippi, and we resent the antics of these half-civilized black and white ba-

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comings of his race and tries to remedy them— but not through abuse of white people's rights.)

... "Barnett was a very stupid man. I don't think we'll go back to Barnett— he will never adapt. I'd like to think that the reception that Kennedy got at Ole Miss reflected that the students and people in the community thought what Kennedy said about the 1962 riot was true and what Barnett said was a lie."

Yes, Barnett was stupid, but not in the sense you mean. He was stupid to bargain at all with anything named Kennedy. He should have said, "Come on and pop your whip. I'll not give an inch." Then the world could have seen for itself the type of man we had in the Attorney General's seat. A Barnett in jail would have been a better sight to his State than a Barnett bargaining with the devil.

But no, Jim— the reception Kennedy got reflects only the degree to which Ole Miss has, with teachers like yourself, brainwashed youngsters into a belief that might makes right; nothing more, Jim. But it must have given you great satisfaction to recognize your part in it during your years at Ole Miss. Your very "return" indicates to a large degree that brainwash. But there are some faculty members who still hold sacred, even at Ole Miss, the principle of teaching students HOW to think and not WHAT to think. Thank God for them, and may their tribe increase!

And again— God help Notre Dame if you mark students in that great institution as you did a large number of those who listened to you at Ole Miss.

For 25 years you have been as offensive as possible in your stated opinions concerning our great State. Would it be asking too much to ask you now to turn your guns on your new habitat? Most Mississippians, I am confident, would deeply appreciate your forgetting us— I know I would!

—cMc—